

1 **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

2 A system for quickly and easily creating a structured document is disclosed.

3 A structured document may be configured to be a document adhering to a set of pre-

4 defined rules providing order to the content of the document. By providing sets of

5 rules, a limited set of structured document templates may be provided while still

6 retaining flexibility of creation for the user. A Document Type Definition ("DTD")

7 may be configured to provide this set of pre-defined rules for a selected template. The

8 Document Authoring System ("DAS") may be configured to receive a user selection

9 of a template, the template selection being based on the type of structured document

10 the user intends to generate. The DAS, in response to a selected template, presents

11 the user with a graphical user interface with which to quickly and easily enter

12 information. The user may add information and modify the structure of the template

13 in a creative manner while the DAS limits those modifications to the boundaries

14 defined by the DTD. Once the user has completed the modifications of the template,

15 the DAS may utilize the modified template to generate an Output Structured

16 Document ("OSD") and the DAS may store this OSD in a user specified location.